(d) The endeavour is to highlight the areas of concern in respect of the inter-sectoral linkage vis-a-vis mismatch with a view to enabling to administrative ministries to initiate corrective actions and fulfil their production targets.

Plans for Employment Generation

770. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up State-wise Plan for employment generation during the Eighth Plan Period;

(b) if so, the targets set up for the Eighth Five Year Plan in different States;

(c) whether any such employment generation plan has been drawn up for the State of Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No Statewise plan and targets for employment generation are drawn up by the Central Government. An employment strategy for the country as a whole is prepared, the details of which are given in Chapter 6, Vol.I of the Eighth Plan document. Individual State Governments themselves formulate employment and development strategy appropriate to each State.

(c) to (e). According to the Eighth Plan and Annual Plan documents of the Government of Gujarat, the Eighth Plan of the State is structured as part of a long term ten year strategy to eliminate poverty and unemployment. The Plan lays emphasis on employment promotion through diversification of the economy of the State, raising the growth of productivity and employment in small scale sector, provision of training and skill for productive employment to one million workers, promotion of tiny, cottage and village industries, self-employment especially in non-traditional activities, rural infrastructure, afforestation, minor irrigation and development of backward areas.

Funds sanctioned to cooperative sectors in Gujarat

771. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the details of the amount of funds sanctioned to cooperative sector in Gujarat State during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The Eighth Five Year Plan outlay agreed for the cooperation sector under the State Plan of Gujarat is Rs. 82 crores.

Introduction of Welfare Schemes in the Country particularly in Punjab

772. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the welfare schemes introduced by Government for the poor people in various States of the country, particularly for the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any National Action Plan has been prepared by the Government for removing the poverty of the people during the period 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) There are 25 Welfare Schemes